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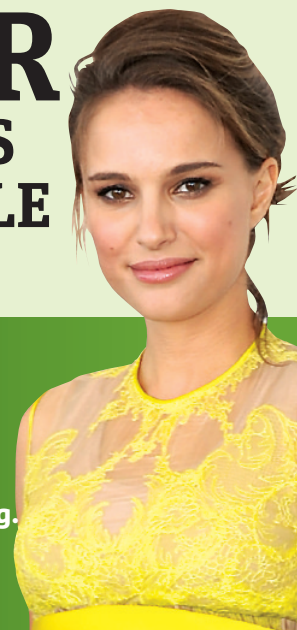
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# Twitchell found guilty

- Verdict wraps up trial that made international headlines
- Case attracted attention of U.S.-based true-crime TV shows

Filmmaker Mark Twitchell looked straight ahead and swallowed hard yesterday as a jury convicted him of killing and dismembering a stranger to match a movie script in what the Crown called a grand plan to become a serial killer.

The family of the victim, Johnny Altinger, sighed with relief as the jury foreman, when asked for the verdict, stood and announced, "Guilty of first-degree murder."

Seconds later, Altinger's mother, Elfriede Altinger, began to cry. "I can't imagine the fear, desperation and pain that Johnny must have endured," she said in a victim impact statement read aloud by a Crown prosecutor.

"As a mother, I feel I can't think about it without going over the edge.

"My wish is for the perpetrator of this unforgivable and horrific act to reflect on his actions and die a

slow death every day of his life."

The jury deliberated for five hours after a month of testimony and evidence.

First-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence with no chance at parole for a minimum of 25 years.

Twitchell's family was not in court.

As Twitchell left court he walked right past Edmonton police Det. Bill Clark in the front row.

Clark was the lead investigator and, as court saw, first broke Twitchell's resolve in a police interrogation video played in court.

"I wanted me to be the last face he actually saw before he walked out of there," Clark later told reporters.

Clark said he knew Twitchell was guilty on the first day he was picked up by police.

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**"To me he's a psychopathic killer that we've taken off the streets of this city. There's no doubt in my mind ... he would have kept on killing."**

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## Speed limit cap may motor on past pilot

A council committee yesterday argued the merits of 40 km/h speeds in six city neighbourhoods after a pilot project last May to October.

Mayor Stephen Mandel opposed lowering limits on some streets and not others even though the 10-kilometre reduction lessened crashes in five of the six areas.

The city will now confer with the Beverly Heights, King Edward Park, Ottewell, Woodcroft, Westridge and Twin Brooks community leagues to see what speed residents want.

Administration says speed bumps or road narrowing could help in areas not desiring the reduction. **METRO**

## Pedestrian allegedly hit, charges pending

A 46-year-old man is facing charges after a pedestrian was allegedly mowed down outside the Greyhound bus depot Monday night.

Police responded to 103 Street near 103 Avenue after a pickup truck was seen veering onto the sidewalk, hitting a man who was walking from the depot.

The 25-year-old went to hospital with "some broken bones," said EPS spokesman Dean Parthenis.

The 1992 GMC pickup truck's driver allegedly left the scene but police soon found him.

**SHELLEY WILLIAMSON**



► The cost of a parking ticket will go up, following the implementation of a new provincial fee.

# Traffic fines on the way up

► New provincial fee could cost city more than \$10 million in lost revenue ► Fines would cover cost of accessing motor vehicle registry



HEATHER MCINTYRE  
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Those who frequently get parking and other traffic tickets are likely to take the brunt of new provincial legislation.

A fee that came into effect April 1 will be passed off to Edmonton motorists.

"(The province) has suggested that we can embed some of the cost in our fines," said Jason Darrah,

corporate communications with the city.

The new \$15 fee applies to each licence plate search for parking violations, photo radar, red-light tickets and other traffic enforcement. "If it's a \$15 cost that we get, it could be as simple as adding that on top," said Darrah.

"(But) there's a chance the fee could be levied more than once — it may be more than \$15."

Mayor Stephen Mandel

has voiced his dislike of the fee and the lack of notice, and said yesterday that perhaps the fines could be increased depending on the amount and severity of the ticket.

Meetings are ongoing this week, but there is no official timeline for any increases.

Should the fines be changed, there would need to be amendments to city bylaws as well as to provincial legislation.

### Fee facts

Service Alberta says the province will receive \$12 million from the new fees, from which municipalities were previously exempt.

**1** According to the city, with the fine increase, no money will have to come out of the police budget.

## New life for bridge?

The city's transportation and public works committee approved plans for a three-lane arch-style replacement for the Walterdale Bridge yesterday, but the mayor and some city councillors want to consider the original for pedestrian use.

City administration says the nearly-100-year-

**\$132M** The cost of the new bridge, if approved by city council.

old bridge is not fit for the long-term, but council has requested a report on the cost of revamping it for pedestrians.

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► Conceptual image of the new bridge.

### News in brief

#### Movember helps grow clinic funding

Prostate Cancer Canada announced yesterday a \$1-million contribution toward a \$10-million city prostate cancer clinic, citing fundraising initiatives like Movember and the Underwear Affair.

The clinic will open in 2013. **METRO**

#### Gold's Gym gets fined

Edmonton Gold's Gym Corporation will have to work off \$15,000 for health violations in its whirlpool, steam room and sauna.

The company was fined yesterday for offences in 2010 at the North Town Mall location. **METRO**

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## U.S. workers eyed for oilsands

The Alberta government is pitching an idea to make American workers a priority for any open jobs in the oilsands.

Several businesses are praising the concept but critics are stressing the employment needs of Albertans must come first.

Don McFarlane, the president of Cessco, in the oilpatch business for six decades, says a shortage of qualified workers is a major problem, and says he welcomes the idea.

Thomas Lukaszuk, the provincial minister of employment and immigration, says the plan could bolster the oilsands' image in the U.S.

"It's one of our duties as neighbours to help out a neighbour when we possi-

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**The number of vacancies predicted in the Alberta oilpatch in the next decade, according to a Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada report in March.**

bly can, to share our jobs that obviously will become available very soon," said Lukaszuk.

But critics question the plan.

"Start within the province and then go to the rest of Canada," said Liberal MLA Harry Chase, calling the U.S. a third option.

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### SUSPECTED DEVIANT

## Schools put on alert

Students at several West Edmonton Catholic schools spent recess indoors and were walked home by parents, caregivers and teachers yesterday after police alerted officials to a

suspected teenage sexual deviant spotted in the area.

Lori Nagy, spokesperson for Edmonton Catholic Schools, said it was obvious from the level of concern by police a quick reaction was needed on the schools' part to ensure safety for all students.

Police said a 15-year-old was later taken into custody at a grocery store in the area.

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# Clearer rules governing massage businesses urged

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO



► Helen Nolan is happy the city is taking steps toward distinguishing business licences between massage parlours and "happy hands" parlours, as both exist around 124 Street.

## ► Changes would create regulations for safer practices, report says

The lack of clarity in distinguishing sexual massage parlours from professional health facilities is still rubbing some the wrong way.

But a report coming to a city council committee today, which suggests new business-licensing rules to better define the difference between the two, could finally be the change one community has been hoping for.

Helen Nolan, former executive director of the 124 Street Business Association, says there are at least three body-rub parlours in her area of the city.

"Some have been here for years (but they're discreet)," she said. "The new ones are more in your face."

Nolan isn't trying to deter anyone from using what she calls "happy hands" parlours, but wants businesses to be clear about what services they offer when trying to rent space from a landlord.

"We're looking at the overall ambiance of our area," said Nolan. "We want to encourage people to come (to) our area."

### Report details

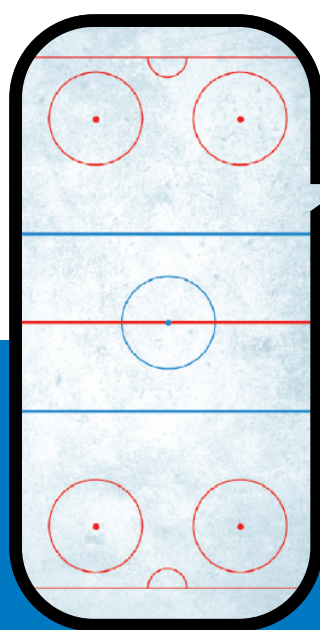
► The report says that consolidating various bylaws will allow for uniformity in licence application, renewal, review and enforcement.

► The report suggests looking into a regulatory-enforcement team that could include the city, Edmonton Police Service, Alberta Health Services, Immigration Canada and Occupational Health and Safety.

The proposed changes would bring together four bylaws (those regulating massage practitioners, exotic entertainers, escort licensing and business licences) under one, which would "create a licence category for authentic health and wellness-enhancement centres and practitioners," says the report.

"It's not an easy solution, but they've been playing with it for a long time," said Nolan. "I see light at the end of the tunnel."

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## Big plans put a spin on biking on Alberta Avenue

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► Ray Juffermans, who attended a Bikeology "meeting" at a parking lot downtown this week.

Years ago, Mike Lyons and 30 to 40 other individuals used to "command downtown" on weekends, he said, riding their bikes on the streets and stunting in parking lots.

Now the electrician and avid rider wants to create something more than another basic skate or bike park, some place riders can have fun and train in a safe environment.

Lyons plans on unveiling plans for a bike-skills training facility at the annual Bikeology Festival in June.

The facility will likely be located adjacent to the Alberta Avenue community

league on 92 Street and 118 Avenue.

"We're looking at 100 feet by 40 feet to develop this wooden structure on," said Lyons. "A series of structures for riders of all levels ... and then around the outside, a pump track,

a mini-BMX track."

Lyons said this is another step in revitalizing the area — a way to be "proactive instead of reactive," as the plans also include a designated area for graffiti as well as a community garden. ● HEATHER MCINTYRE





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## Tories admit fraudster partied at 24 Sussex

Disgraced former Stephen Harper aide Bruce Carson brought a reported ex-prostitute and money-launderer to 24 Sussex Drive to meet with the prime minister and his wife during a party at the official residence, the Conservatives have confirmed.

Barbara Lynn Khan and her then-beau Carson, who has been convicted on five counts of fraud, were among the guests at a going-away bash three years ago for the prime minister's departing chief of staff, Ian Brodie, a party spokesman said late yesterday.

"I can confirm that (Khan) was at Mr. Brodie's farewell party at 24 Sussex as Mr. Carson's guest," Conservative campaign spokesman Alykhan Velshi said in an email.

The Globe and Mail reported that Khan was convicted in the United States in 2003 for maintaining a bawdy house, as well as aiding and abetting prostitution.

The newspaper, citing public records, reported Khan was convicted a year later of the more serious U.S. federal offence of money laundering.

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## Internet last to go: Study

A survey of plugged-in Canadians suggests most value their Internet access over their TV, cellphone and newspaper subscriptions.

And if they could keep just one service, they'd stay online.

The Canadian Media Research Consortium, based out of the University of British Columbia, commissioned the online survey and found 42 per cent of respondents said the Internet would be the last service they'd cut. Twenty

four per cent said they'd keep their cable TV and 17 per cent would keep their cellphone service or newspaper subscription.

The results, released yesterday, are part of a larger survey conducted last August to gauge how Canadians are getting their news and information, said consortium spokesman Darryl Korell.

"What we were trying to do was find out going forward how Canadians want to consume news, because there are many new business models that people are trying to come up with to find out how we're going to be able to afford to provide the journalism that we need," Korell said.

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# Punches thrown at PM in debate

► Rivals attack Harper on spending practices, corporate tax cuts



Prime Minister Stephen Harper played defence against a three-man rush from his political rivals and their charges of deception, dubious spending practices and secretive, conspiratorial government.

His only offensive: Give the Conservatives a majority or "we're going to be back into a fifth election in no time at all," Harper said, during yesterday's debate.

The rest of the time, Harper was under attack.

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe urged Harper to explain a draft report from the auditor general that calls into question Conservative spending practices.

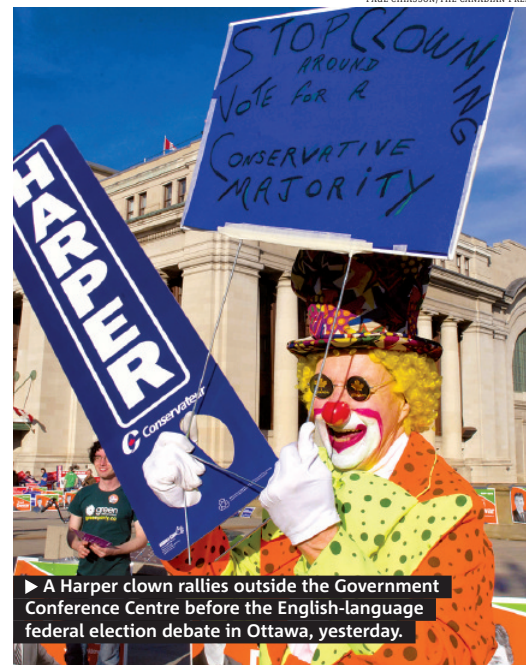
Harper's principal rivals, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and the NDP's Jack Layton, jumped into the fray.

"The Conservative party is the problem here when it comes to the economy," Layton said. He cited "right-wing" policies of deregulation and corporate tax cuts as reasons "why people can't make ends meet, why so many people are still out of work."

Ignatieff accused Harper of failing Canadians by pushing corporate tax cuts, which the Liberals would cancel in order to pay for a student grants program.

"That's a billion-dollar investment ... you spent that in 72 hours on the G8/G20 photo-op," Ignatieff said.

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► A Harper clown rallies outside the Government Conference Centre before the English-language federal election debate in Ottawa, yesterday.

## Greens refuse to be muzzled

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Young Green party supporters, surrounded by shouting Conservative, Liberal and NDP partisans, stood in downtown Ottawa with duct tape across their mouths before the federal leaders' televised debate.

The tape signified Green party Leader Elizabeth May's exclusion from the debate.

"They spend their tax dollars like they use gas — they're wasting it," shouted youth vote co-ordinator Jonathan Halasz as two Conservative party buses drove by honking.



► Green party supporters protest on Rideau Street during the election debates in Ottawa, yesterday.

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# Mubarak's heart problems surface as inquest begins

► Former Egyptian president issued pre-recorded message on Sunday saying he had not abused authority

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► In this September 2010 photo, Egypt's ousted president Hosni Mubarak listens as Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington.



Former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak was abruptly hospitalized yesterday for heart problems during an investigation over allegations of corruption and the violence against protesters, reported state TV.

The 82-year-old former president was deposed Feb. 11 after 18 days of popular protests and has been under house arrest in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh for the last two months. The public prosecutor said Monday he would be questioned.

Mubarak's two sons were also summoned and were being questioned at the prosecutor's office in the provincial capital of El-Tor yesterday.

The movement that deposed Mubarak is now pushing for him to be brought to justice for what they say are decades of abuse, and since Friday, hundreds have reoccupied parts of Tahrir Square in downtown Cairo.

The protesters had criticized the army for being too close to the old regime and not swiftly bringing Mubarak to trial.

Dozens of demonstrators picketed the hospital, denouncing the president and carrying a sign reading "Here is the butcher." They scuffled with supporters of Mubarak amid a massive security presence.

Two security officials said Mubarak arrived under heavy police protection to the main hospital and, according to two doctors in the hospital, he stepped out of his armoured Mercedes unaided and was taken to the presidential suite in the pyramid-shaped building.

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## News in brief

### First ticket issued in new Paris veil ban

A woman has been ticketed in a suburban Paris shopping centre for wearing a face veil, in the first reported sanction under a new ban on the garments, police said yesterday.

Another woman in another Paris suburb was

stopped for wearing a veil, but was let go with a warning.

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### Pall's pickled penis on display

In life, Pall Arason sought attention. In death, he is getting it: The 95-year-old Icelander's pickled penis will be the main attraction in one of his country's most bizarre museums.

Arason's organ will help round out the Phallological Museum's extensive collection of phalluses from

whales, seals, bears and others.

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### UN: No gloss over Japanese nuclear levels

The UN nuclear agency says Japan's decision to wait until now to raise the level of the Fukushima nuclear crisis to the same as the 1986 Chernobyl disaster does not mean that authorities have been downplaying the disaster.

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# Male royals trump sisters in monarchy

► Prince William and Kate Middleton have more to worry about when children enter the picture

To the upwardly mobile in the Royal family, being an older sister is a wretched inconvenience.

If Prince William and Kate Middleton have a daughter followed by a son, the son leapfrogs the daughter on the waiting list for the throne.

Although Queen Elizabeth II rocks the throne, she snagged it only because she has no brother, since British common law gives preference to male issue.

So if William and Kate have a girl and then a boy,

there will be trouble.

The 1701 Act of Settlement throws in another snag. If any of Will and Kate's children marry Catholics, they would lose their spots in line for the throne.

That religious discrimination came out of the Glorious Revolution. King James II, who had converted to Catholicism before his 1685 coronation, had a son with his second wife. After being unseated, James fled to France, and his Catholic children grew up in exile.

## Conversion

When Peter Phillips — son of Princess Anne and her first husband, Capt. Mark Phillips — married Canadian Autumn Kelly in 2008, she converted to Anglicanism so her husband wouldn't forfeit his 11th place in line.

His two protestant daughters, Mary and Anne, sided against their father and served successively as queen. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# You scream, I scream, we all scream for iPads?

► U.S. school to use iPads for kindergartners

JOEL PAGE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kindergarten is supplementing crayons, finger paints and flashcards with iPads. Supporters are excited, but detractors worry iPads are wasted on pupils too young to appreciate the expense.

Next fall, nearly 300 kindergartners in the central Maine city of Auburn will get iPad2 touchpad tablets to learn their ABCs, 1-2-3s, drawing and even music.

The iPad is a powerful education tool with hundreds of applications, said Superintendent Tom Morrill. It's simple to use and can bring learning to life with imagery and sounds. "It's a revolution in education," Morrill said.

The \$200,000 Morrill is proposing to spend on iPads — which retail for around \$500 US — might be better



► Kindergartner Lucius Rice, 6, and literacy teacher Maurie Dufour look at a book on an iPad yesterday.

spent on some other school program, said Sue Millard of Auburn, who has children in the fourth grade and high school. She also questions whether kindergartners are old enough to

appreciate the effort.

"I understand you have to keep up with technology, but I think a five-year-old is a little too young to understand," she said.

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## NASA shuttles retire to museums

NASA's three remaining space shuttles will go to

museums in Cape Canaveral, Los Angeles and suburban Washington when the program ends this summer.

The announcement came yesterday on the 30th anniversary of the first space shuttle flight and the 50th anniversary of man's first journey into

space.

Shuttle Atlantis will stay in Cape Canaveral at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, just miles from the pair of launch pads where it was shot into space. Endeavour is headed to the California Science Center, miles from the plant where the shut-

tle was built; and Discovery's new home will be the Smithsonian Institution's branch in northern Virginia.

The Smithsonian is giving up the prototype Enterprise, which NASA said will now go to New York City's Intrepid museum.

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News worth sharing.

## Cops try to put pinch on lobster thief

Police would like to get their claws on a woman accused of shoplifting 14 live lobsters.

Authorities released a surveillance photo Monday showing the woman pushing a shopping cart near the front of the Market Basket grocery store in Rochester, N.H.

Police tell the Foster's Daily Democrat that the woman entered the store Friday afternoon and asked for a selection of lobsters from the clerk in the seafood department.

Store employees say the woman received the lobsters and then left the store without paying, driving off in a blue van.

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## Tsunami claims U.S. man's life

The body of a man washed out to sea last month when the tsunami from Japan hit the Northern California coast has been found 530 kilometres north in Oregon near the mouth of the Columbia River, the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office said yesterday.

Dental records showed that the body found April 2 at Fort Stevens State Park by a person walking on the beach is Dustin Douglas Weber, 25, who disappeared three weeks earlier, authorities said.

"It was just somebody who made a mistake, not knowing what was going on," John Weber, said of his son's death.

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# Cheap flights could take wing with new airline

► Air Canada discount carrier would aim at Transat, Sunwing, WestJet and could push fares down

Air Canada's reported plans to launch a discount carrier could dish up competitive headaches for its rivals and lower airfares to vacation spots in Mexico, the Caribbean and Europe, industry analysts say.

Chris Murray of PI Financial Corp. says a new airline would ramp up pressure on the industry to reduce fares, at least until a rival is driven out of business.

"In the short run there may be some bargains, though I wouldn't expect ... the craziness we've seen before, the \$1 to London flights," he says.

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Air Canada is reportedly drawing up a plan to deploy four Boeing 767s and six Airbus A319s, with the fleet increasing to 50 planes. The delivery of 37 Boeing 787 Dreamliners would allow the airline to transfer older planes to the new airline.

Air Canada would not comment on the rumours. But Pierre Tessier, spokesman for Transat AT, said consumers will benefit if the new carrier adds more seats to the market. "There's always been a lot of competition in the market and we're used to that," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Flip. Flop



► Cisco Systems is shutting down the Flip Video business it bought for \$590 million US in 2009. The about-face comes after disappointing results and years of trying to diversify into consumer products.

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## Cisco kills the video star

Cisco Systems Inc., the world's largest maker of computer networking gear, is killing its Flip Video camcorder business after years of trying to make inroads into consumer products. The San Jose, Calif., company says the shakeup will result in the loss of 550 jobs. A spokeswoman would not say whether Canadian employees would be affected.

## No rate hike for now: Central bank

The Bank of Canada will keep the policy rate at one per cent for at least another seven weeks. The decision yesterday came despite a mostly upbeat assessment of the economy that predicts faster growth and a quicker return to full capacity. The bank's next date for an interest-rate announcement is May 31.

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# 2.9

Canada's economy will grow 2.9 per cent this year, the Bank of Canada says. As well, the economy will return to full capacity in just over a year, six months earlier than predicted.

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## Canadians feel pinch of fuel, food prices

Nearly half of Canadians say steeper fuel and food prices are taking a significant bite out of their budgets, an RBC Consumer Outlook suggests.

While 45 per cent say rising prices are having a significant impact, the effects are felt most strongly by residents of Ontario, Atlantic Canada and Quebec. Managing debt remains a high priority, with 39 per cent of Canadians planning to pay off as much debt as possible.

Thirty per cent say they

are focused on spending less, 23 per cent are looking to save or invest more and 25 per cent say they intend to do all three.

Overall, the report says

Canadians' concerns about the economy are relatively unchanged since the last survey three months earlier.

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## Sea to sea

► Six in 10 Canadians describe the state of the economy as "good," compared to 75 per cent of Prairie residents, 69 per cent of Albertans and 63 per cent of B.C. residents.

► Thirty-nine per cent feel their personal situation will improve (up one percentage point from three months ago).

► Twenty-two per cent are worried about job loss or layoffs (up two percentage points).

## Cost of homes to stabilize

Home prices across the country will stabilize or only creep higher this year amid "tepid" improvements in employment, says a report by Royal LePage.

Phil Soper, chief executive of Royal LePage Real

Estate Services, says that in most markets, single-digit percentage increases are likely for the balance of the year.

"While low interest rates continue to drive demand, the tepid pace at which employment levels are improving is tempering the rate of home-price appreciation in many Canadian cities," Soper says.

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# 4.3

In the first quarter of 2011, the average price of a detached bungalow rose 4.3 per cent year-over-year to \$341,355, while a standard two-storey house rose 3.5 per cent to \$379,388. Condominiums rose four per cent to \$237,919.



## Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



## DON'T MESS WITH MAMA

**Bolivia may be one of the poorest places on Earth, but it's rich in at least one commodity: Legislation.**

It's about to pass the Mother of All Laws giving Mother Nature equal rights to human beings. In Bolivia, Ms. Nature goes by Pachamama, an Andean deity that is at the centre of all life. As soon as the law is passed — and pass it will because the ruling party has what Stephen Harper most desires: A majority in both houses of Parliament — Pachamama will gain 11 shiny new rights.

Most of them are pretty basic: The right to life and to exist; the right to continue all her various cycles, from carbon to Krebs, without human interference; the right to pure water and clean air; the right not to be polluted; the right to balance; and the right not to be genetically altered.

Then there's this: Pachamama will enjoy the right "not to be affected by mega-infrastructure and development projects that affect the balance of ecosystems and the local inhabitant communities."

The guys who run the resource companies are howling with boyish laughter. You see, Bolivia has its own brown skeletons in its own sooty closet. More than one-third of its foreign currency comes from the mining of tin, silver, gold, etc., and you can bet Pachamama is feeling more than a little violated on that front.

When you're the world's 100th-ranked economy, below Trinidad and Tobago and Turkmenistan, for goodness sake, it's tough to resist the temptation of all that glitters. Without precious metals, Bolivia's largest export is soybeans and natural gas, a potent combination for sure.

Ecuador has already tried something like this, but that hasn't stopped anyone from plundering the Amazon. You have to wonder why they even bother — they're just going to end up making themselves depressed as they continue to pollute and genetically modify until one day Pachamama decides to take the law into her own hands.

That may be what's motivating Bolivia: It's not nice to fool Pachamama, and she is already showing signs of losing her legendary maternal patience: Bolivian scientists predict temperatures will rise up to 4 C over the next 100 years, all the glaciers will melt and Bolivia will become a desert.

So rather than risk the loss of her affections altogether, all they can do is promise to try to nurture nature. And if they break their promise, she can always complain to the newly established Ministry of Mother Earth.

Good luck with that.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at [metronews.ca/justsayin](http://metronews.ca/justsayin)

## Worth mentioning

**LONDON.** Is there a science of happiness?

A growing band of economists, politicians and academics thinks so — and is putting theory into practice by starting a "mass movement for a happier society."

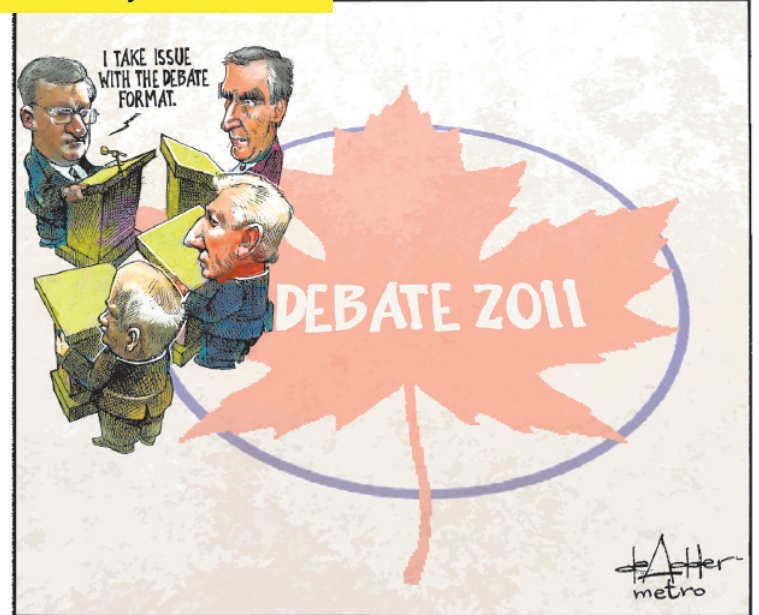
Action for Happiness launched yesterday in London, encouraging hugging, meditation and random acts of kindness. It is getting underway as the British government asks statisticians to measure the economically battered nation's well-being.

The non-profit group's founders include a former Downing Street policy chief, Tony Blair's biographer and an eminent economist. They say happiness is a deeply serious issue.

Co-founder Richard Layard, emeritus professor of economics at the London School of Economics, says the group "doesn't have any creed or dogma. It's a secular movement, grounded in science."

Increasing numbers of politicians are taking up that mantra. Prime Minister David Cameron has said "it's time we focused not just on GDP but on GWB — general well-being." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Cartoon by Michael De Adder



## WEIRD NEWS

## Snakes on a plain

Instead of a snake in the grass, it was a snake under the sink.

A 75-year-old Winnipeg man got a slithery surprise Saturday after he discovered a six-foot snake under his bathroom sink in his apartment.

The man called police, who notified the city's animal services department, which in turn captured the creature.

Police said they then searched the rest of the building and discovered a suite with more than 50 snakes and

other reptiles being hoarded by a 33-year-old man.

Nine snakes believed to be illegal have since been seized, and the man is facing charges under the City of Winnipeg exotic animal bylaw.

A spokesperson for the City of Winnipeg's Animal Services Agency said the majority of snakes or reptiles seized are given to reptile zoos or shelters. Police said there was nothing to indicate the snakes or reptiles, which included a snapping turtle, were being mistreated.

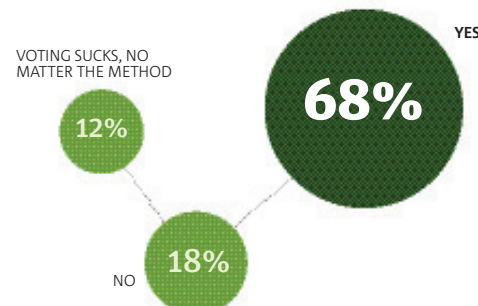
Under Winnipeg's exotic animal bylaw, there is no set number for how many reptiles one person may own, but venomous reptiles or snakes are illegal in Winnipeg.

● ELISHA DACEY



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## Local tweets



► **@jackthe-fast:** Snow on the forecast ... Let's hope it's wrong ... Considering the usual accuracy :) #yeg  
► **@LKung:** #yeg please get on them #potholes. Stat.  
► **@lovieleli:** If it snows today I will have zero faith left in #yeg weather. Cross your fingers for #sunshine!  
► **@mastermaq:** In 2010 alone, volunteers at the Reuse Centre sorted 140 tonnes of donations to make sure items could be reused by customers. #yeg  
► **@NaTo2288:** The sun came back out in #yeg. Maybe ill

take some time for a walk through the valley!  
► **@MarsMiddle:** Winter tires coming off today just in time for 10-20 cm of snow on Thurs/Fri. #yeg Serious bad karma. Hoping it'll just be rain.  
► **@ChaseReal1ty:** Guy in Denali is parked across only 2 handicap stalls. Isn't handicapped. #yeg  
► **@GenoaK:** Don't think it'll take long for the verdict in the #twitchell trial. But glad I'm not on the jury. #yeg  
► **@editwithmouse:** I don't want 20cm of snow on Thursday #yeg. I don't want it.



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## Comic book Cage



A valuable comic featuring the debut of Superman has re-surfaced in a storage locker, and police said Monday that it appears to be the same one stolen from Nicolas Cage more than a decade ago.

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Barney's Version' scribe wins Writers Guild of Canada screenwriting award



► Actress Neve Campbell arrives at the premiere of the Weinstein Company's *Scream 4* at Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

# 15 years of screams

► Neve Campbell talks about making *Scream 4*, and the newcomers to the horror franchise



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Despite how successful the *Scream* franchise has been for her, Neve Campbell hasn't become an old pro at watching horror movies.

"I usually cover my eyes and scream and cry during horror films," she admits.

But just because her eyes are covered doesn't mean she isn't enjoying herself. "These films are a rollercoaster ride," she says of the *Scream* films. "I think they're great fun to watch."

They're just as much fun to make, she insists, and filming *Scream 4* last summer was no different.

"We were having fun during the filming," she says of re-teaming with David Arquette, Courteney Cox and director Wes Craven.

"We would often just go and have dinner and a nice glass of wine and have some laughs, so even during it you're not feeling like it's this really intense experience or dark experience, because there's a lot of humour in these films as well. You can't take them incredibly seriously.

**"You can't take them incredibly seriously. Part of the fun of these is that they're so self-referential and make fun of themselves."**

NEVE CAMPBELL ON THE SCREAM  
FRANCHISE

Part of the fun of these is that they're so self-referential and make fun of themselves."

Although it's been 15 years since *Scream* — and 11 years since *Scream 3* —

it didn't take Campbell long to get back in the Woodsboro groove.

"It's been 15 years now we've been doing these characters, so not difficult to jump into," she says. "I had fun watching the films again before we started this, just to get a sense of it, and it was really nice to see that they still hold up really well. But no, it wasn't difficult to get into the characters. With Sidney, it's just imagining her circumstances in doing it."

And while working with Cox and Arquette again was a treat, Campbell was particularly impressed

with her younger co-stars, including franchise newcomers Hayden Panettiere and Emma Roberts.

"Courteney and I looked at each other and were like, 'We could be their mothers,'" Campbell says with a laugh.

"But they were good. They came with so much enthusiasm to the project. People keep asking whether we had to show them the ropes, and they're professionals in their own rights. They've had long careers already at young ages, and they came in and they did a great job."

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# Getting ready for their goodbye

► The Harry Potter cast reflects on their years at Hogwarts and shares their memories from growing up Potter



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It's an exciting time to be a Potter-head.

The final installment of the film series is just three months away, and the second-to-last movie drops on Blu-Ray Combo Pack, DVD and Digital Download yesterday.

We caught up with cast members at the recently opened Harry Potter: The Exhibition in New York.

## On growing up in the Potter films

**Bonnie Wright (Ginny Weasley):** "It's been a massive and amazing experience. I don't think we could have asked for any better environment to be in to be learning from others."

## On who had a penchant for



► Actor Oliver Phelps, actress Bonnie Wright and actor James Phelps share their thoughts on the franchise.

## the set's souvenirs

**Producer David Heyman:** "Alan Rickman stole more props than anybody ... (but) he does give them to charity."

## On getting the part

**Robbie Coltrane (Hagrid):** "My children (told me) if I didn't play Hagrid I would not be allowed home again."

**David Thewlis (Remus Lupin):** "I auditioned actually for Professor Quirrel and didn't get it. And I'm very glad because he died in the first film."

**On their very first days on set**  
**Michael Gambon (Dumbledore):** "I was just petrified ... But you just fight your way through it."  
**Domhnall Gleeson (Bill**

**Weasley):** "I nearly wet myself. You can tell (I was) the new guy on set because (I had) a wand in the corner going, 'Poof!'"

**Evanna Lynch (Luna Lovegood):** "I wasn't an actor; I was just a huge fan. I remember (Daniel Radcliffe) knew that I was a nervous wreck ... I had to ask him, 'Can I just touch you?'"

**Producer David Baron:** "(Daniel) was always really aware of the newcomers and went to great lengths to make them feel comfortable."

## On the action in the eighth movie

**Baron:** "When you have a wand it's actually quite difficult to stage action in a way that feels suitably strong and aggressive."

**Natalia Tena (Tonks):** "Shouting swear words while you're using the wand helps."



► Emma Watson has been big entertainment news this year with her various fashions.

# Spotlight sympathy

► Emma Watson feels for royal bride-to-be Middleton

Emma Watson has a lot of sympathy for Kate Middleton.

The royal bride-to-be is under a worldwide spotlight ahead of her April 29 wedding to Prince William — with special focus on fashion, what she'll wear for her big day. Only two billion people may be watching, according to one British minister.

"Poor girl, that must be an incredible amount of pressure," Watson told The Associated Press in an interview earlier this month. "I hope she's enjoying it. Must be intense."

Watson herself knows something about life in the spotlight. Over the last eleven years she's grown up on screen and in public from a child actress to a

film star. These days who she's dating is big entertainment news, what she's wearing is dissected by fashionistas around the globe, which products she is endorsing fuels business stories. A simple trip to the hairdresser to cut her long golden brown hair into an elfin crop made international headlines.

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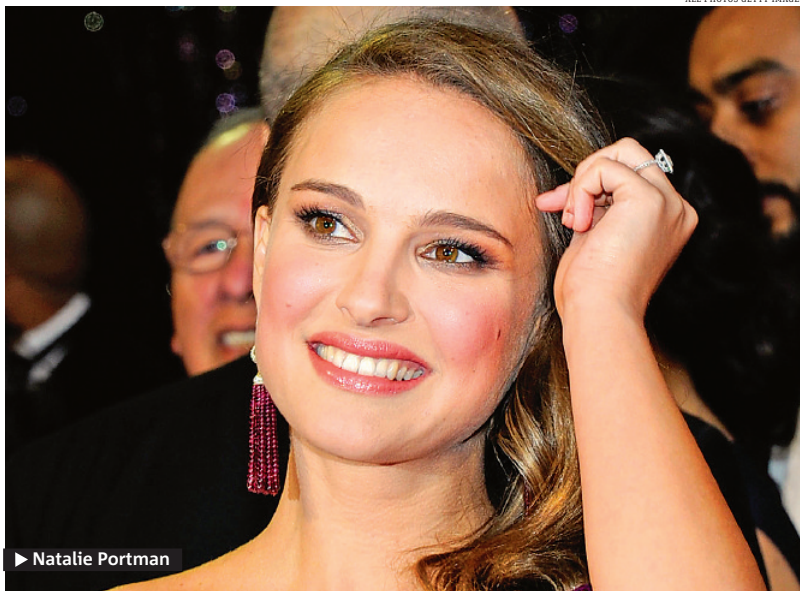
# No more vegan, for now

## ► Pregnant Natalie Portman gives in to her desire for dairy

Though a self-proclaimed "vegan activist," Natalie Portman admits she's strayed from her diet's strict rules while pregnant.

"I actually went back to being vegetarian when I became pregnant, just because I felt like I wanted that stuff. I was listening to my body to have eggs and dairy and that sort of stuff," Portman says in an interview.

"I actually wanted eggs at the beginning and then they grossed me out after awhile. ● METRO



► Natalie Portman

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## Ex won't be at Hefner's wedding

Hugh Hefner is gearing up for his wedding to 24-year-old Crystal Harris on June 18, but he already knows one person won't be attending: ex-girlfriend Holly Madison. "I think Holly has expressed publicly that it would be a little strange if she was there and I respect that," Hefner tells People magazine. "She knows she's invited."

● METRO



## Baby for Benicio

Kimberly Stewart and Benicio del Toro are having a baby, though they aren't actually together, according to Life & Style magazine.

"Kimberly is pregnant. Benicio is the father and is very supportive. Although they are not a couple, they are looking forward to the arrival of the baby," Stewart's rep confirms to the magazine. ● METRO

## Osbournes having tax troubles

Kelly Osbourne isn't the only member of her family having tax trouble. Her parents, Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne, reportedly owe the IRS nearly \$1.7 million, according to the New York Daily News. Sharon took to Twitter to address the news, writing, "you have to be on top of your own business affairs. My fault, lesson learned." ● METRO

## Arquette: Still friends with Courteney

David Arquette says that while he and Courteney Cox aren't back together, they're still close. "We're best friends. We're not together. We're still separated," he tells Ryan Seacrest during a radio interview. Arquette also doesn't mind Cox spending time with another friend, Cougar Town co-star Josh Hopkins, no matter what the tabloids say. "She went away to St. Bart's with Co and her best friend and Josh from the show, and I know about all of this," he says. "These tabloids make it like there's some kind of scandal going on. But there's no scandal."

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► Courteney Cox

### Celebrity tweets



"Yes, I know I am in 'AC' the same night as Charlie Sheen. When Warlocks & Witches collide! When is the Gary Busey tour???"



@JennyMcCarthy

"Hey George Clooney, where's Japans telethon?"



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► Renowned dancer and choreographer Dave St-Pierre is always on the go, but he loves his home city ► The dance pioneer guides us through his favourite parts of Montreal

# A dancer's Montreal

Every time I come back to Montreal after a few months outside of the country, I say: "OK, I'm home." Actually, Montreal is like a landmark for me. Maybe more than a home, 'cause I could live anywhere. But it feels good to be back here. Every time. Montreal is comforting.

Montreal is like a family. People are open-minded, it's not strange to see two men or two women walking hand-in-hand. Montrealers are friendly.

That's probably why tourists miss the city so much when they're back home. Yes they missed the city — because there is a lot of things to do here — but they mostly miss the Montrealers. They miss our energy.

We're also very emotive. We're intense in everything we do. Maybe it's because we have such extremes in our weather — from very cold in the winter to very hot in the summer.

DAVID ST-PIERRE



► Cheesy but fun, a horse-drawn 'caleche' tour of the city

## First time?

A walk in Old Montreal is a must. Try it by day and by night. The Basilique Notre-Dame, the Marché Bonsecours, the old Silos, the Old Port, you have to see it all. Walk in the narrowest alleys to discover this part of the city that is from another time. Le Pointe à Callière Museum (pacmusee.qc.ca) — about Montreal's history — is



► Taking a stroll.

very interesting too. It may sound a bit cheesy, but step back in time and try a caleche tour. The guides will have great, unique stories for you about the city.

## Been there before?

Take a look at the Belgo building (372 Rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest), where you'll find a lot of art galleries, fashion designers, artists and architects studios and the well-known school dance LADMMI.

It's the perfect place to see what's happening in Montreal's art scene and to discover new artists. Another great place is the Modern Art

Museum (macm.org). It's not the Guggenheim, but it's always interesting to spend the afternoon there. Don't be afraid to go in the art galleries. Yves Laroche (yveslaroche.com) on Saint-Laurent is a very good one.

If you want to see a dance show, head to the La Chapelle Theater (lachapelle.org). They are offering astounding things right now. They aren't scared to go off the beaten track.



► Bily Kun

## Stay in

Come to my loft! It's nice and cosy. But there won't be enough room for

everyone. But seriously, I would choose a warm bed and breakfast over an impersonal hotel.

## Go out

I would suggest an Open Mic evening at a bar like HELM on Bernard Street in the very hipster Mile-End neighbourhood. There are a lot of cool bars on Mont-Royal Avenue too like Bily Kun, Verre Bouteille or Plan B.



► Dance at Lachapelle



► Monastiraki

## Shopping!

Go to Boulevard Saint-Laurent, nicknamed the "Main." You'll find a lot of great places from very chic boutiques to cool antique shops. Just walk on the street and you'll find some gems.

My favourite place is Monastiraki (monastiraki.blogspot.com), a small gallery and shop with odd objects, vintage posters and new books from contemporary cartoonists. Fairmount, Saint-Viateur and Bernard Streets are good spots too.

## Eat

There are way too many good spots to eat in town.

La Montée de Lait (lamonteedelait.com) on Saint-Laurent, an upmarket restaurant with simple dishes, is one.

After 10 p.m., chic French bistro the Leméac (restaurantlemeac.com)

offers a cheaper menu, and you'll probably rub shoulders with actors or dancers that go there after a show.

After a night out, at 3 a.m., try the Fameux (4500 rue Saint-Denis) for a classic dinner, or eat a poutine — French fries, cheese and gravy — at La Banquise (restolabanquise.com).



► Leméac

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## Travel in brief



The Disney Cruise Line will set sail from New York, Seattle, and Galveston, Texas, beginning next year. The company said it will offer 20 cruises from New York City aboard the Disney Magic starting on May 25, 2012. They will include eight-night cruises to the Bahamas, and five-night cruises up the New England coast to Canada.

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The workplace no longer has traditional borders. Employees correspond through instant messages, through Facebook and via e-mail. Seldom do they do so exclusively for business purposes. Others, who are bored, unmotivated or un-

derworked, surf the internet for much of their workdays, managing their sports pools, blogging about coworkers, reading the news or dating on-line. Employers have good reason for concern. Lost productivity and potential liability for the actions of their employees have caused most organizations to revisit their computer use policies - or create new ones altogether. Here are some common issues.

- Employees spending an inordinate amount of time at work accessing the web for personal use can be tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can be cause for dismissal, with appropriate warnings.

- Internet use that can be considered harassing or discriminatory will be often be grounds for dis-

missal. In one case, two employees were fired after distributing a vulgar e-mail at work detailing the sexual gymnastics of an overweight female co-worker. In another case a New Brunswick judge upheld the dismissal of an employee finding that his conduct amounted to sexual harassment because the female IT manager who performed an audit on his computer found the websites he visited "offensive".

- Criminal laws can also be invoked if employees harass or intimidate coworkers or if they violate hate propaganda or obscenity laws. These employees can end up surfing the classifieds for a lawyer, as well as for a new job.

- And it's not just internet misuse at work that can land employees in my offices seeking legal advice. If the content of an employee's blog, Twitter account or Facebook page has a negative impact on the workplace, discipline may be justified.

The full article can be read online at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

# Students are going out for the green

## Applications for enviro-programs are on the rise

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► A worker is shown installing solar panels on the roof of a police station in Halifax.

Canadian students are flocking to environment-related programs as experts predict a boost in green sector jobs.

The latest figures show enrolment in university programs, such as land-use planning and conservation biology, have risen dramatically in recent years.

Environment-related college programs have also seen a slight increase in enrolment.

Meanwhile, experts say the country's burgeoning green economy holds many opportunities for graduates willing to step off the beaten path.

While it still represents fewer jobs overall than other fields, the green sector "is an emerging part of the economy that's growing at a faster rate than the traditional pieces," said job expert Alan Kearns, founder of CareerJoy.

Graduates who can market themselves in that economy are likely to be in demand, whether they end up working in a green start-up or co-ordinating a more traditional company's sustainability efforts, he said.

Students are showing a "huge interest" in green

jobs, said Laurie Simmonds, president of Green Living, the marketing firm behind the Green Living Show in Toronto.

That's why this year's show will include a green jobs forum on April 16, to help job seekers connect with green sector employers, she said.

Roughly two thirds of green companies expect to hire full-time employees in the next five years, according to a survey performed by ECO Canada last year.

Tom Rand, a clean technology expert who will headline the green jobs forum, said most opportunities available right now involve installing green technologies such as solar panels rather than developing new ones.

At the same time, there's always room for innovation and entrepreneurship, said Andrew Heintzman, chairman of Ontario's climate change advisory panel.

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## By the numbers

According to a report released by ECO Canada, a non-profit organization focused on the environment industry:

► The number of students enrolled in environment-related university programs went up roughly 40 per cent between 2000 and 2007.

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# Travel Agents – Everyday Heroes

By: Jana Clarke & Victoria Boutilier, Marketing department, Grant MacEwan University

It was about this time last year I realized I had a problem. I was scheduled to travel with a co-worker to research the recruiting initiatives of approximately 11 universities in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Our intense, 5-day schedule took us from St. John, New Brunswick, through to Sackville, Wolfville and more, final destination Halifax.

We needed to book flights, rent a car, and book hotel rooms. For the life of me, I couldn't figure it out. Do we fly to Halifax, drive to St. John and return, or fly to St. John and fly out of Halifax... but what do we do with the car? After a frustrating couple of hours online, I finally got smart. I called Kimberly Tavares, a travel agent who also works with us as a program advisor for the Travel diploma program at Grant MacEwan University.

Seriously, within a half an hour, Kimberly had our flights and vehicle booked, landing in St. John and leaving from Halifax, with car drop off at the Halifax airport. I still don't know quite how she did it, but now I do know the value of a travel agent.

Online reservation systems abound, which is fine for the simple and occasional flight, but what happens when your trip is complex – when you have to travel by plane, train and automobile? What do you do when your job depends on arrangements for your boss to fly in from Turkey at the same time as the CEO arrives from New York, and the CFO comes in from Toronto – and they all need to be picked up and stay at the same hotel?

**The answer lies with a travel agent.**

And what if something goes wrong? Can you imagine being in

Japan during the earthquake? Or what if you have to leave suddenly for a family emergency? There is comfort in knowing that when you're stranded, your agent is on your side working to find a solution. That someone understands your needs and can put their extensive training in the travel industry to work for you.

Agents take into account the things an online travel site probably won't. Your travel agent can cut through the clutter, and find your best option by weighing factors like travel duration, scheduling and comfort, all within your budget.

For business, turning to a travel agent is the best way to save time and money. Most travel agencies have a separate department devoted to making arrangements for business travelers and some travel agencies specialize in commercial and business travel only. There are also travel agencies that serve as general sales agents for foreign travel companies, with connections or subsidiary offices in multiple countries around the world.

Regardless of your needs and destination, working with a travel agent is the most reliable option when booking a trip.

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career with reasonable speed. There is great demand for travel consultants, and MacEwan has been training the best travel professionals for over 30 years. Our graduates have gone on to work around the globe – much to the credit of our renowned program. In fact, MacEwan's program meets the highest national standards set by the travel industry.

**But it's not just agents...** this program opens doors to all areas in the travel industry. Graduates are able to explore everything: travel consultant, passenger sales agent, sales account executive, reservations agent, and travel marketing manager.

Did we mention the study tour? The Travel program takes a FAM (familiarization) tour every year with destinations like China, Europe, a Caribbean cruise and more. Don't think this is all fun (though there is some of that), these are working tours, with students learning first hand the ins-and-outs of the industry.

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popular tourist destinations and learn the sales and marketing techniques to meet the specific and diverse needs of all travelers. They are also able to dive into the social and cultural backgrounds of these destinations and unravel the red tape of health and documentation requirements when traveling there. They are up-to-date with current trends in travel like ecotourism and adventure travel – making sure their future clients will be in good hands.

There's constant change in the world of travel, from airline turmoil to online booking – travel agents are required to stay abreast of these changes. The most successful travel consultants can easily adapt to your needs and are also hard working, dedicated and innovative.

Whatever your next adventure is, be sure to consult with a travel agent for the best results.

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Sound intriguing? Find out more: visit [www.MacEwan.ca/Travel](http://www.MacEwan.ca/Travel) or call 780-497-5254.

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# A fresh treat for kids? Yes, it's possible

► After months of holiday-related treats, these lemon squares are refreshing ► Kids can help to make them

Sometimes, it feels like health-conscious parents can't catch a break.

Just when you've managed to get past the Halloween treats (and the accompanying sugar highs), candy canes show up. And when you're done with those, Valentine's chocolates start appearing. Then they make way for eggs, chocolate bunnies and cream-filled chicks.

I'm looking forward to a few months without a treat-oriented holiday.

Meanwhile, I'm selling my kids on the idea of spring-themed treats as a replacement for excess chocolate eggs. These lemon squares might help me convince them.

If you can find Meyer

lemons, they really are worth the extra expense.

Not as sour as regular citrus, they're vibrant tasting and very easy to juice and zest. But any lemon will do.

Addition of the wheat-germ to the crust gives it a nutty flavour, which is a nice foil for the lemony-ness of the squares.

This is a recipe with lots of opportunities for kids to get involved: pressing the crust into the pan, cracking eggs, grating the frozen butter. And, of course, doing what they do best: scarfing back the resulting treats.

## Preparation:

**1** In a bowl, combine flour, wheat germ, icing

sugar and salt. Grate the sticks of frozen butter with a cheese grater into the flour mixture.

Toss the frozen butter curls into the flour mixture until you have a mealy texture. Press the loose dough into 13 x 9 inch (3 L) baking dish and use your hands to flatten it. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.

**2** Bake crust in 350 F (180 C) oven for 15 to 18 minutes or until just beginning to turn golden.

**3** Filling: In bowl, whisk together sugar, flour, salt, lemon rind and juice, eggs and egg yolk. Whisk until well blended. Gently pour filling



► This recipe makes 16 lemon squares.

mixture onto the hot crust. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until the filling has just set.

**4** Allow to cool completely before slicing into squares. Dip your knife in warm water before each cut to ensure clean cuts. **SWEET POTATO CHRONICLES (SWEETPOTATOCRONICLES.COM)**

## Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) wheat germ
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) icing sugar
- 3/4 tsp (4 mL) salt
- 2 sticks frozen butter

## Filling:

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) granu-

- lated sugar
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) grated lemon rind
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) lemon juice (about 4 Meyer lemons)
- 3 eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- Icing Sugar

# The cupcake craze

► These sweet, frosted pastries have become all the rage in recent years

Cupcakes are the current darlings of the sweet-tooth brigade.

They are the focus of at least two specialty-channel television programs and umpteen online blogs; there are cupcake conventions, of a sort; one California wine district stages a cupcake- and wine-tasting tour featuring cupcakes

with wine as an ingredient; they are even replacing traditional wedding cakes for many brides.

Bakeries devoted exclusively to cupcakes are springing up in cities across Canada to satisfy public taste for the treats.

Connie Hartley opened Razzle Dazzle Cupcakes in London two years ago. It's

the city's first cupcake specialty shop.

She and her son Steven, her baker, list 80 flavours on the menu and about 18 of those are available to walk-in customers daily.

That's about 300 cupcakes, all made and decorated on site, and most days they're sold out.

Among her most popu-

lar concoctions are red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting, chocolate cake with raspberry frosting, blueberry cake with blueberry frosting, cherry cake with cream cheese frosting and vanilla cake with Skor candy bar pieces and either a vanilla or toffee frosting.

She thinks the populari-



► Cupcakes have even become popular with brides.

ty of cupcakes can be attributed to their convenience and endless

combinations of cake, frosting and other decorations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Triano focuses on task at hand

Amid the mounting losses and uncertainty about a future that is unclear, Jay Triano has summoned strength from his past.

The Toronto Raptors have just one game left in a season to forget before an off-season full of question marks. Neither Triano's job as head coach, Bryan Colangelo's position as president

and GM, nor the immediate continuance of the league itself is a given right now.

But as the late Canadian coaching legend Jack Donohue used to tell Triano, the only thing within his control is today.

"Jack used to tell us, 'Yesterday is a cancelled cheque, and tomorrow is a promissory note, and today

is cash in hand,'" Triano said. "So live each day and do the best that you can every single day."

Triano will wrap up his ninth season in Toronto and second as head coach, when the Raptors (22-59) host the Miami Heat (57-24) tonight.

The Raptors have an option for another year on Tri-

ano's contract that has to be picked up by June.

Triano and his staff have spoken briefly about the future, yet tried not to dwell on their murky futures.

But Triano, who's Canada's first NBA head coach, said uncertainty is a constant in sports for coaches and athletes.

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► Toronto Raptors coach Jay Triano

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# Oilers get first pick

► Colorado will pick second, followed by Florida, New Jersey, N.Y. Islanders

The conversation will go a little differently when the braintrust of the Edmonton Oilers sits down to decide on this No. 1 draft pick.

Essentially, the team had to decide between two players before selecting Taylor Hall a year ago. The decision promises to be a little more complex in June.

"I could list you six players that our people are extremely excited about," Oilers GM Steve Tambellini said after yesterday's draft lottery. "They're all very good and they're all a little bit different this year, which makes it a unique draft. It'll be interesting."

"There's going to be a lot of discussions of who (the scouts) believe is truly the best player now, and maybe more importantly later, and then what is the best thing for the Oilers."

Even though this draft doesn't come with one or

**"I don't plan on having the first pick overall next season."**

OILERS GM STEVE TAMBELLINI

two headliners, it doesn't mean the player Edmonton ends up with will be any less important to the organization's future than Hall.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins is a dynamic centre for the WHL's Red Deer Rebels and was named the top North American skater in the final rankings by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau. Defenceman Adam Larsson spent all season playing with men in the Swedish Elite League and was listed as the top European prospect.

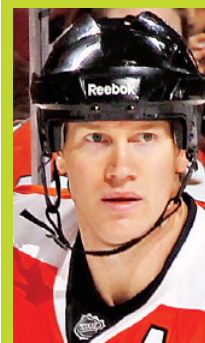
With other players in the mix beyond those two, it will be important for Oilers head scout Stu MacGregor to identify the best fit for the franchise.

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► Edmonton Oilers general manager Steve Tambellini laughs prior to the 2011 NHL draft lottery in Toronto yesterday.

## Quoted



**"I guess you'll have to wait and find out."**

CHRIS PRONGER WHEN ASKED IF HE'LL PLAY IN GAME 1 OF THE PHILADELPHIA FLYERS' FIRST-ROUND SERIES AGAINST THE BUFFALO SABRES. THE BIG DEFENCEMAN SAID HE IS "VERY" CONFIDENT HE'LL PLAY IN THE SERIES.

**"Some days, you have setbacks. Some days, you take a step forward."**

# 'A pretty good week,' Tiger Woods rules

A new swing and some renewed enthusiasm brought back the old Tiger Woods at last week's Masters.

The former top-ranked golfer, who finished in a tie for fourth place Sunday at Augusta National, was

already back at work yesterday, promoting the game of golf and his sponsors on a trip to China.

"I hit the ball really well on the weekend and made some shots — those are shots I know I can hit. That was fun and excit-

ing," Woods said at the Mission Hills Dongguan clubhouse near the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen.

"It's really starting to feel pretty good. This week was a pretty good week."

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## Sports in brief

### Dallas Stars coach fired

NHL. The Dallas Stars fired coach Marc Crawford on Monday after missing the playoffs in each of his two seasons, extending their post-season drought to three years.

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### Getting closer to a rematch

SOCCER. Barcelona and Manchester United moved a step closer to a rematch of the 2009 Champions League final yesterday as both clubs earned victories to extend their first-leg advantage and reach the semis.

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► Carey Price will have his chance to shine, or stumble, this spring.

# Price takes centre stage

- Canadiens goalie will try to make Habs fans forget about Halak
- Heads into Game 1 facing Vezina Trophy favourite Tim Thomas

Much has changed for Carey Price since he was forced to watch from the bench last spring as unheralded goalie Jaroslav Halak led the Montreal Canadiens to the Eastern Conference final.

Halak was traded not long after that despite becoming the darling of the Bell Centre crowd.

But then Price asserted his billing as a goaltending prodigy with a breakthrough 2010-11 season, appearing in a career-high 72 games and finishing tied for the league lead with 38 victories.

Now it's play-off time, and it will be up to Price to hold the fort as he tries to make people forget about Halak's feat with his own string of upsets.

It starts in Boston, where the slick-skating Canadiens begin what should be a tight first-round series against the Bruins tomorrow night (CBC, 5 p.m.).

**"It's not just me out there, there's other guys, too. I'm not going to put all that burden on myself."**

CANADIENS GOALTENDER CAREY PRICE

"I'll just keep on doing what I've been doing all season," Price said yesterday.

The playoffs have not

been kind to Price in recent years, but that was a younger, less disciplined version of the goaltender.

After he came out of junior hockey and led the

Hamilton Bulldogs to an AHL championship in 2007, the 2005 fifth-overall draft pick won the starting job in Montreal. He posted two shutouts in a first-round victory over the Bruins in the 2008 post-season.

Price hasn't won in the playoffs since.

He takes an eight-game playoff winless run into the Boston series.

"Every year's a new year so you never know what's going to happen," he said.

It may be a rough series for Price. The Bruins like to crowd the net and have the big men to do it, starting with rugged winger Milan Lucic, who had nine points in six games against Montreal this season.

Mostly, Price wants his chance to revel in the excitement of a playoff run.

"Playing at this time of the year in this city is special," he said. "But the guys in this locker-room have to stay calm and keep on doing what's made us successful. Not tighten up or get nervous." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Pens enter Round 1 lacking

Mario Lemieux and Ron Francis. Jaromir Jagr. Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

Every Pittsburgh Penguins team that has reached the NHL playoffs since the 1980s has featured the NHL's best player, one of its top scorers, or both.

Except these playoffs. The Lightning possess

more offensive depth, more proven scorers and more stars than the Penguins, who begin the post-season without knowing if megastar Crosby will take another shift until October.

Crosby, out with a concussion, skated with teammates during practice yesterday but has not been cleared for contact. He is all but certain to miss the series.

"There's no change in Sidney Crosby's status," coach Dan Bylsma said yesterday.

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### Eastern Conference

#### Washington Capitals vs. N.Y. Rangers

**(No. 1)**  
**[Season series, Capitals 3-1-0]** The Capitals' goal this season was getting ready for the playoffs and improving defensively.



**(No. 8)**  
Goalie Henrik Lundqvist led the league with 11 shutouts and offers New York a chance to upset.



#### Philadelphia Flyers vs. Buffalo Sabres

**(No. 2)**  
**[Season series, Flyers 2-1-1]** Sergei Bobrovsky will start the series as the No. 1 man but may not last if he stumbles.



**(No. 7)**  
Buffalo has been scorching hot since the all-star break. Ryan Miller is back after missing time with an upper-body injury.



#### Boston Bruins vs. Montreal Canadiens

**(No. 3)**  
**[Season series, Canadiens 4-2-0]** Boston will try to use the body to intimidate and wear down the Habs.



**(No. 6)**  
Montreal's Carey Price tied for the league lead with 38 wins. The Habs will need a huge series from him to have a chance.



#### Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Tampa Bay Lightning

**(No. 4)**  
**[Season series tied 2-2-0]** The Penguins managed to hang tough despite playing without Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.



**(No. 5)**  
Tampa returns to the post-season after missing the last three years and should have the edge offensively.



### Western Conference

#### Vancouver Canucks vs. Chicago Blackhawks

**(No. 1)**  
**[Season series, Canucks 2-1-1]** Nothing short of a Stanley Cup will do for 2010-11's first-place team.



**(No. 8)**  
Chicago beat Vancouver in the playoffs the last two years but will be an underdog this time around.



#### San Jose Sharks vs. Los Angeles Kings

**(No. 2)**  
**[Season series, Sharks 3-1-2]** Goalie Antti Niemi will be looking to win the Stanley Cup for the second time in as many years.



**(No. 7)**  
Los Angeles enters the series without leading scorer Anze Kopitar, but is hoping to get Justin Williams back from a dislocated shoulder.

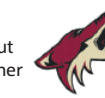


#### Detroit Red Wings vs. Phoenix Coyotes

**(No. 3)**  
**[Season series, Coyotes 2-0-2]** Detroit stumbled down the stretch and Henrik Zetterberg will be out of the lineup to start the playoffs.



**(No. 6)**  
The Coyotes put together another solid year despite only having one player (Shane Doan) reach 20 goals.



#### Anaheim Ducks vs. Nashville Predators

**(No. 4)**  
**[Season series, Predators 3-1-0]** The Ducks roared into the playoffs in large part due to Corey Perry, who scored 19 goals in the final 16 games.



**(No. 5)**  
Nashville is hoping to advance past the first round for the first time in franchise history.



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N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's game

N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 23

x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 25

x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

Wednesday, April 27

x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA

Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)

Tomorrow's game

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's game

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.

Monday, April 18

Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 22

x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24

x-Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, TBA

Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)

Tomorrow's game

Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.

Saturday's game

Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 18

Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 23

x-Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Friday's game

Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 18

Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 23

Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, TBA

Monday, April 25

x-Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, TBA

Wednesday, April 27

x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA

Friday's game

Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Tonight's game

Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's game

Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19

Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

x-Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

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San Jose (2) vs. Los Angeles (7)

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Detroit (3) vs. Phoenix (6)

Tonight's game

Phoenix at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Saturday's game

Phoenix at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Monday, April 18

Detroit at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20

Detroit at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Friday, April 22

x-Phoenix at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 24

x-Detroit at Phoenix, TBA

Wednesday, April 27

x-Phoenix at Detroit, TBA

Anaheim (4) vs. Nashville (5)

Tonight's game

Nashville at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's game

Nashville at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

Anaheim at Nashville, TBA

Wednesday, April 20

Anaheim at Nashville, TBA

Friday, April 22

x-Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Sunday, April 24

x-Anaheim at Nashville, TBA

Tuesday, April 26

x-Nashville at Anaheim, TBA

x — played only if necessary.

FINAL REGULAR SEASON

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	41	63	104
St. Louis, TB	31	68	99
Perry, Ana	50	48	98
H.Sedin, Vcr	19	75	94
Stamkos, TB	45	46	91
Iginla, Cal	43	43	86
Ovechkin, Wash	32	53	85
Selanne, Ana	31	49	80
Zetterberg, Det	24	56	80
B.Richards, Dal	28	49	77
E.Staal, Car	33	43	76
Toews, Chi	32	44	76
C.Giroux, Pha	25	51	76
Getzlaf, Ana	19	57	76
Kesler, Vcr	41	32	73
Marleau, SJ	37	36	73
Vanek, Buf	32	41	73
Eriksson, Dal	27	46	73
P.Kane, Chi	27	46	73
Kopitar, LA	25	48	73
Ryan, Ana	34	37	71
Sharp, Chi	34	37	71
Ribeiro, Dal	19	52	71
J.Thornton, SJ	21	49	70
Tanguay, Cal	22	47	69
Briere, Pha	34	34	68
Visnovsky, Ana	18	50	68
Tavares, NYI	29	38	67
Duchene, Col	27	40	67
J.Carter, Pha	36	30	66
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Nash, Clb	32	43	66
M.Richards, Pha	23	43	66
Pavelski, SJ	20	46	66
Backstrom, Wash	18	47	65
Kessel, Tor	32	32	64
Heatley, SJ	26	38	64
Skinner, Car	31	32	63
Backes, StL	31	31	62

Lucic, Bos	30	32	62
Clowe, SJ	24	38	62
Havlat, Minn	22	40	62
Elias, NJ	21	41	62
MacArthur, Tor	21	41	62
M.Koivu, Minn	17	45	62
Lidstrom, Det	16	46	62

## MLB

## MONDAY

## MARINERS 8, BLUE JAYS 7

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Y.Escobar ss	3	0	1	1	1	1	.458
C.Patterson cf	5	1	2	2	0	0	.400
Bautista rf	3	1	2	0	2	1	.400
Lind 1b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.273
A.Hill 2b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.186
Arencibia c	5	0	2	0	1	1	.375
Snider lf	4	1	0	1	1	2	.147
Encarnacion dh	4	1	3	0	0	0	.235
J.Nix 3b	4	2	3	1	0	0	.333
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	
Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
I.Suzuki rf	4	2	2	2	0	2	.275
Figgins 3b	1	0	1	0	1	0	.158
L.Rodriguez 3b	3	1	1	3	1	1	.167
Bradley lf	4	2	2	2	1	1	.278
Cust dh	3	0	0	1	2	1	.171
I.Langerhans pr dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Smoak 1b	3	0	2	2	2	1	.265
Olivo c	5	0	0	0	0	2	.207
M.Saunders cf	4	2	2	0	1	0	.263
Ryan ss	3	1	1	0	1	1	.167
J.Wilson 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.273
a-A.Kennedy ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.294
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	
Toronto	012	202	000	7	41		
Seattle	000	000	152	8	111		

Two outs when winning run scored.

a-grounded out for J.Wilson in the 9th.

1-run for Cust in the 8th.

E—Arenecibia (1), Smoak (1). LOB—Toronto 9,

Seattle 13. 2B—A.Hill (2), Encarnacion (2).

J.Nix (1), Smoak (5), M.Saunders (1), HR—

C.Patterson (1), off F.Hernandez; Bradley (1),

off Villanueva. RBIs—Y.Escobar (5),

C.Patterson 2 (2), A.Hill (7), Snider (8), J.Nix

(4), L.Rodriguez 3 (3), Bradley 2 (3), Cust (4),

Smoak 2 (4). SB—Bautista (1), I.Suzuki (4),

M.Saunders (1), Ryan (1). CS—Snider (1). S—

Ryan. SF—Y.Escobar.

Runners left in scoring position—Toronto 5

(A.Hill, C.Patterson, Lind 3); Seattle 8 (Olivo 6,

L.Rodriguez, I.Suzuki).

Runners moved up—J.Wilson. GDP—Lind, Olivo.

DP—Toronto 1 (J.Nix, A.Hill, Lind); Seattle 1

(J.Wilson, Ryan, Smoak).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Litsch	5	5	0	0	4	4	1111	2.38
Frasor	1	0	0	0	1	1	20	3.38
Villanueva	1	1	1	1	1	2	23	1.35
Purcey	1/2	2	3	3	1	0	16	11.57
Dotel	0	2	2	2	0	12	9.00	
Rzepczynski	0	1	0	0	1	0	10	0.00
Camp L, 0-1 BS, 1-11 1/2	2	2	2	2	1	0	22	2.57

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
F.Hernandez	6	12	7	7	2	6	1111	4.50
Laffey	1	1	0	0	0	1	13	0.00
Wilhelmsen	1	1	0	0	2	1	21	9.82
Lueke W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	1	12	9.82	
Dotel	pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.							
Rzepczynski	pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.							
Inherited runners—scored—Dotel 3-2,								
Rzepczynski 3-3, Camp 2-0. IBB—off Camp								
(I.Suzuki). WP—F.Hernandez 2.								
Umpires—Home, Scott Barry; First, John								
Hirschbeck; Second, Wally Bell; Third, Laz Diaz.								
T—3:46. A—13,056 (47,878).								

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## EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	6	3	.667	—
New York	5	4	.556	1
Toronto	5	5	.500	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	3	8	.273	4
Boston	2	9	.182	5

## CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	8	3	.727	—
Chicago	7	4	.636	1
Kansas City	6	4	.600	1 1/2
Minnesota	4	6	.400	3 1/2
Detroit	4	7	.364	4

## WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	9	2	.818	—
Los Angeles	6	5	.545	3
Oakland	5	6	.455	4
Seattle	3	7	.300	5 1/2

## Yesterday's results

Tampa Bay 3 Boston 2

L.A. Angels 2 Cleveland 0

Minnesota 4 Kansas City 3 (10 innings)

Chicago White Sox 6 Oakland 5 (10 innings)

Detroit 5 Texas 4

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain

Toronto at Seattle

Monday's results

Seattle 8 Toronto 7

Tampa Bay 16 Boston 5

Texas 2 Detroit 0

Oakland 2 Chicago White Sox 1, 10 innings

Cleveland 4 L.A. Angels 0

Today's games

All times Eastern

Texas (Bush 0-0) at Detroit (Scherzer 2-0),

1:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Davies 0-1) at Minnesota (Liri-

ano 0-2), 1:10 p.m.

Oakland (Anderson 0-1) at Chicago White Sox

(Danks 0-1), 2:10 p.m.

Toronto (Drabek 1-0) at Seattle (Vargas 0-1),

3:4



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**Engine**

Returning for 2011 is the base 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, although its redesigned engine mounts are claimed to lessen the amount of noise and vibration that made life unpleasant for many Sebring owners who selected this engine.

Newly optional is a 283-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 that replaces the previous six-cylinder offerings.

**Facelift**

Physically, the 200 still resembles the Sebring of old, but with cleaned-up front-end styling, including a new hood, fenders, grille and projector-style headlights that give the car a classier appearance.

The 200 now closely connects with the full-size Chrysler 300 that has undergone a similar facelift. At the opposite end, a new trunk lid, fenders, bumper and tail lamps also play a part in the Sebring-to-200 transformation.

**Interior**

Even more radical surgery has been performed on the car's interior. The overtly plastic instrument panel has been restyled and covered in richer-looking soft-touch material and the seats and seat coverings have been upgraded for much-needed comfort and eye appeal.

Topping it off is a new steering wheel with integrated controls for the audio and communications systems.



► The nose of the 200 falls in line with the remade Chrysler 300. A better suspension and heavily upgraded interior, along with a new V6 engine, highlight the major improvements.

## The 200 has more than just a name change



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Chrysler's wave of new and updated models has been nothing short of spectacular.

And among the cars requiring urgent attention was the automaker's Sebring sedan and convert-

ible, now referred to as the 200 series.

In the mid-size class, the Sebring was the wallflower of the group.

Not especially popular — and out-classed by its peers — the car had become all but shunned by the vast majority

of buyers who preferred to dance with the Toyota Camry, Honda Accord, Ford Fusion and Chevrolet Malibu, to name just a few of the alternatives.

Chrysler's new Fiat-controlled management group will replace the 200

with an entirely new car in a few years, but for now a new name, fresh sheetmetal and a major engine upgrade will have to suffice.

Are the changes enough to erase any negative thoughts about the previous Sebring? Probably not entirely, but considering the short lead time to devel-

op a stop-gap solution, Chrysler's design and engineering teams have managed to perform a minor miracle.

Viewed in its entirety, the 200 series represents a valiant attempt by Chrysler to get back in the mid-size game and be taken seriously as a category contender.

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Vinyl siding for a house is probably a good product, just not too mind-bending. Vinyl for vehicles is a whole other story. The possibilities are positively mind-blowing, if you're ready to cover parts, or your entire car, with a vinyl wrap.

## DON'T JUST PAINT IT, WRAP IT

Vinyl wraps started showing up about 15 years ago, mostly as a cheaper and more graphic alternative to painting, to deck out vehicles for promotional and marketing purposes.

Eventually they made their way to personal cars, particularly luxury car and sports car owners looking for that "gangster" look — no chrome, all black matte "stealth bomber."

Brian Spiteri's firm, Big Picture Imaging of Campbellville, Ont., (bigpictureimaging.ca) has done its share of these full-matte, full-wrap projects, including a recent one that was so wondrous that even the R8 owner's teenage son had to concede that his father "may have crossed the line over to cool."

Spiteri's latest project was on his own hobby car

— a 1981 Porsche Targa SC. One of the major vinyl wrap suppliers, Germany's Oracal, recently came out with products particularly suited as a "paint replacement." Spiteri was ready to change the colour of his car, but was leery about covering up the Porsche's original paint — a much-coveted aspect of a collector car and one that can considerably juice up its future value. This new wrap sounded like the perfect solution.

"Wraps actually protect original paint from oxidation and fading," says Spiteri. "But wraps also give you the opportunity to have some fun, by letting your personality shine."

In the end he opted for metallic azure blue with a high-gloss finish. A few years from now, when he's not feeling quite so blue, he'll just peel off the wrap (carefully), and presto! — back to original



► How's this for a marketing idea?

paint, or on to Ferrari Red.

Applying vinyl wrap isn't quite as easy putting up wallpaper. Spiteri says it's a job best left to the professionals. You think?

Contemplating a home project soon has me picturing myself on the garage floor, crazily wrapped in vinyl, trying to wiggle, armlessly, over to the phone, to peck out 911

— with my nose.

A full wrap, executed by the pros at Big Picture Imaging, would start around \$3,000.

Full wraps aren't cheap, concedes Lione Ole, a well-known photographer, specializing in newborns (amazingnewborns.com).

When he relocated from Montreal to the GTA area last year, one of the first

things he did was buy a black VW GTI and send it over to Spiteri's shop for a wild wrap. He considers the outlay to be a worthwhile investment in marketing. Anyone who has seen the finished product would have to agree.

Because a huge picture of a screaming baby on a hood of a car is just something that seems to stick.

## Top Gear

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# This Toyota could be a prime pickup

► Last-generation Tacoma offers reliability, but check for rust

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Few pickup trucks can match the tough and charming Toyota Tacoma where popularity and owner loyalty are concerned.

Long sought out for its ruggedness, off-road abilities and knack for reliable long-term operation, Tacoma has earned itself thousands of happy followers.

Tacoma's competition included the Ford Ranger, Nissan Frontier and Mazda B-Series. Used Tacoma shoppers in the 1996 to 2004 generation will find a variety of options and configurations available to suit a wide range of needs.

### What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 1996 to 2004 Toyota Tacoma
- **Vehicle Type:** Pickup truck
- **Approximate used price range:** \$3,500 to \$10,000

Look for a pair of four-cylinder engines, displacing 2.4 or 2.7-litres and whipping up 160 or 177 lb.-ft of torque, respectively.

A 3.4-litre V6 was also available with 220 lb.-ft of torque, and is recommended for those intending to tow or haul more extensively. If that's not your cup of tea, the 2.7-litre engine should prove cheaper to fuel and maintain — not to mention adequately powerful.

Look for manual or automatic transmissions and a



► 2004 Toyota Tacoma

4x4 system with low-range for real-world capability.

Seating for three or five was available, and a four-door, small-box DoubleCab model offered additional passenger capacity from 2001 on.

### What Owners Like

Styling, off-road capability, long-term reliability and a relatively smooth power-

train were all praised by many of Tacoma's owners. Decent mileage, ground clearance and power output were also rated highly.

### What Owners Hate

Common complaints deal with thin paint and body panels, which are easily chipped and dented, respectively. Other gripes include uncomfortable seats,

a stiff ride and a shallow bed. Finally, numerous owners wish for a better standard stereo.

### Common Issues

On a test-drive, check the brakes and 4x4 system for proper operation and engagement. Tires and the clutch, if equipped, should be checked for wear as well. If in doubt, ask a mechanic.

The underbody should be extensively checked for dents, scrapes and punctures caused by off-roading, too. If the vehicle's former owner bashed the heck out of the Tacoma's floorpan during careless off-roading, now is the time to find out.

Finally, Having the Tacoma you're considering inspected for rust should be considered absolutely mandatory. Though no worrisome drivetrain or electronic-related issues present themselves in checks of online forums, some earlier Tacoma models in this generation were actually recalled due to a heavy rust problem, which could see the frame perforate.

### The Verdict

Ultimately, a clean, well-maintained and rust-free Tacoma should provide years of enjoyable pickup truck wholesomeness with minimal headaches.

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 ► When you head to the Edmonton EXPO Centre, make sure to check out these 2011 Canadian Cars of the Year, as named by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC)



► BMW 5 Series Sedan, Best New Luxury Car (over \$50,000)



► Chevrolet Cruze, Best New Small Car (over \$21,000)



► Volkswagen Jetta TDI Clean Diesel, Best New Family Car (under \$30,000).



► Ford Fiesta, Best New Small Car (under \$21,000)



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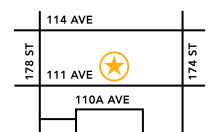
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# The Big Three automakers

► With the 2011 Edmonton Motorshow opening this week, Metro takes a look at what North America's top automakers have to offer



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## GM



► Chevrolet Volt

If you're seeking the latest leading-edge automobiles around, just check your local Ford dealership.

There, you'll overhear buzzwords such as Ecoboost and "5.0 Coyote," and, of course, "Fiesta." When North America began downsizing to more fuel-efficient rides, Ford was likely in the best position of all automakers to make large-scale dramatic lineup changes since it already had several excellent small vehicles for sale in Europe ... and it had the cash to make those changes.

One of the first to arrive is the Fiesta. It might be new to us, but there are currently

more than a half-million Fiestas running around Europe and Asia, where the current version was launched two years ago.

And Ford promises that none of the Fiesta's charm and spunk has been lost in translation since the Mexican-built four-door hatchback and all-new North America-exclusive four-door sedan have begun arriving here.

That means we're finally getting the same firm-riding, precise-handling, fuel-sipping vehicles that others around the globe have been enjoying for years.

## Chrysler



► Chrysler 200 sedan



# 3 GREEN VEHICLES

## 1 SONATA HYBRID Hyundai

► The all-new Sonata Hybrid boasts the first-time use of a 270-volt lithium-polymer battery that helps the car reach speeds up to 100 km/h on electric power alone, topping its direct competitors.

## 2 OPTIMA HYBRID Kia

► The system on the Hybrid Kia Optima uses never-before-employed lithium-polymer batteries that are lightweight and can actually be formed into shapes.

## 3 LEAF Nissan

► Nissan's first electric car, the Leaf, is a four-door hatchback. When fully charged, its lithium-ion batteries have an anticipated range of 160 kilometres. It should be available this fall.

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When talking about GM this year, you have to start with Chevrolet.

And if the only thing Chevrolet was doing for the 2011 model year was launching the Volt electric car, that would be enough, especially considering the investment dollars tied up in technologies that have never found their way into a mass-produced car. However, Chevrolet is also ousting the Cobalt small car in favour of the brand-new Cruze, while at the same time prepping a convertible version of the Camaro for early 2011. You had

to expect big things from the reconstituted General Motors and, well, you're looking at it! The concept behind the compact four-door-sedan Volt is relatively simple. The onboard batteries provide power to the electric motor for about 65 kilometres of combined city/highway driving, after which a 1.4-litre four-cylinder gasoline generator engine kicks in to charge the lithium-ion battery pack.

And don't forget that the 2011 Volt earned the North American Car of the Year award at the Detroit Auto Show last month.

# Ford



► Ford Fiesta sedan

In just a few years, Chrysler has gone from being owned by a German company, to private ownership, to being steered by an Italian company that happens to be one of the largest automakers in world.

But now what? Having gone through bankruptcy and bailout in 2009, the biggest issue seems to be getting new product on the market for people to actually test drive and buy.

And the best news, here, is that parent Fiat actually wants to build cars. There has been a ton of work going on behind the scenes, including a new-

ish 200 sedan (and convertible) based on the previous front-wheel-drive Sebring sedan platform, but with much smoother front and rear styling and LED lamps.

The 300, which was styled by Canadian Ralph Gilles who now runs Dodge, comes in for a visual makeover — new grille, tail lamps, more steeply raked windshield, new wheels, etc. — and a very elegant and high-quality interior upgrade with soft-touch materials, less plastic and more modern shapes, switches and dials. **WHEELBASE MEDIA**

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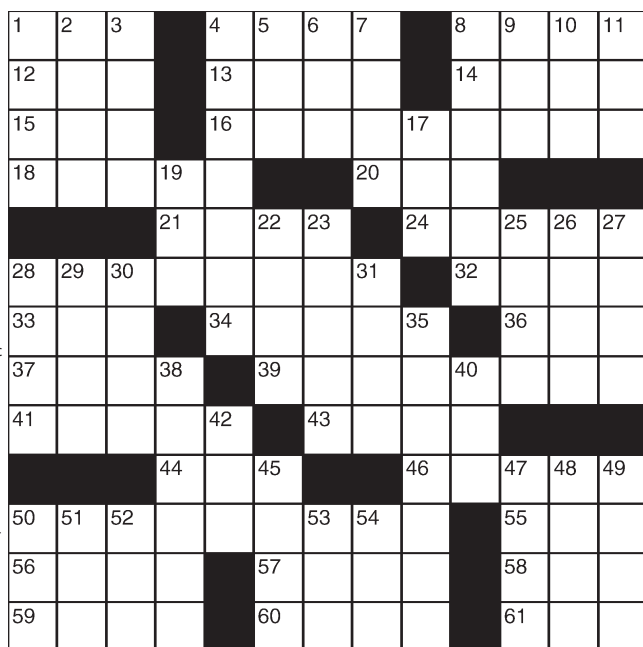
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## Across

1 Nevertheless, for short  
4 Head light?  
8 Bigfoot's cousin  
12 That girl  
13 Unpaid  
14 Verve  
15 Curved line  
16 Variety of paper  
18 Destruction  
20 Edge  
21 Moist  
24 Jaunty chapeau  
28 Democratic Republic of the Congo capital  
32 Pay heed to  
33 Rhyming tribute  
34 Commune of Tuscany  
36 "— Town"  
37 Get wind of  
39 Lollipop Guild member  
41 Absorb eagerly  
43 Be too fond of, with "on"  
44 — -relief  
46 Insurrectionist  
50 Picture tube  
55 Seine liquid  
56 Divisible by two  
57 — and crafts  
58 Donkey  
59 Obtains  
60 Bikini parts  
61 To the — degree

## Down

1 Dissolve  
2 Frau's man  
3 Killer whale  
4 Water pipes  
5 Plant bristle  
6 Mainlander's me-



mento  
7 Stench  
8 Sycophants  
9 Wapiti  
10 Skater Babilonia  
11 Hostel  
17 Pen point  
19 LPs' successors  
22 Cripple  
23 Intellectual pre-tender  
25 Castle  
26 Needle case  
27 Gull's cousin  
28 Former German chancellor Helmut

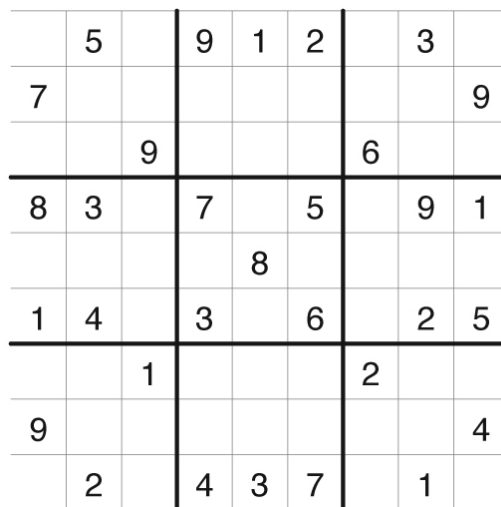
29 Notion  
30 Tide type  
31 Part of A.D.  
35 Streep, for one  
38 Flemish painter  
40 Haw preceder  
42 — de deux  
45 Wound cover  
47 Succotash component  
48 Right on the map?  
49 Luxurious  
50 Small barrel  
51 "— Got a Secret"  
52 Profit  
53 Hoockey great

Bobby  
54 Sch. org.

## Yesterday's answer



## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

3	2	7	5	1	4	9	8	6
9	8	4	3	6	2	1	5	7
5	1	6	9	8	7	4	2	3
2	5	1	7	9	6	3	4	8
4	9	8	2	3	1	7	6	5
6	7	3	4	5	8	2	9	1
8	6	2	1	7	9	5	3	4
7	3	9	6	4	5	8	1	2
1	4	5	8	2	3	6	7	9

## A look at the weather

**TODAY**  
Min -5°  
Max 3°

**THURSDAY**  
Min -3°  
Max 0°

**FRIDAY**  
Min -1°  
Max 4°

Michele McDougall  
Weather Specialist

"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes". WEEKDAYS 6AM



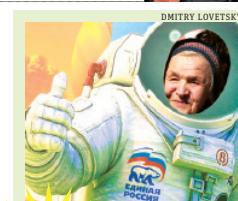
## Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20  
There's nothing brave about keeping pain to yourself when loved ones are ready to assist.  
♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21  
Negative thinking tends to be self-fulfilling. Always stay positive.  
♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21  
A long-term friendship will be strengthened in some way over the next 24 hours.  
♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22  
You seem able to twist authority figures around your little finger. Take advantage of it.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23  
Let those who want to take away your right to speak for yourself know that you will fight them.  
♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22  
Let fear get the better of you, and you'll miss out on fun.  
♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23  
If you make a decision on emotion alone, you will most likely regret it by the end of the week.  
♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22  
Others say what you are planning is foolish and doomed to fail. Will that stop you? Nope.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21  
Changes on the work front may be unsettling, but they will work in your favour.  
♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20  
Travel plans are well starred. If you feel the urge to get away for a while, just do it.  
♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18  
A few encouraging words could have a loved one smiling.  
♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20  
A partnership issue will be resolved in your favour very soon. ♀ **SALLY BROMPTON**

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